

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Adrienne Yeung on November 4, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1:

On lines 14-20, "outlet port; a second gas delivery outlet coupled to an induction chamber and capable of providing anesthesia gas and oxygen to the induction chamber, wherein the second gas delivery outlet comprises an outlet port and a second flow control disposed between the anesthesia gas source and the outlet port, and wherein the first and second flow control each allow independent control of gases to the first gas delivery outlet and to the second gas delivery outlet; and a plurality of holes" was changed to -- outlet port; a plurality of holes--.

On line 21, "drawing in anesthesia gas." was changed to -- drawing in anesthesia gas; and a slot disposed between two adjacent multiple living specimen interfaces, wherein the slot is capable of receiving an opaque light barrier, wherein the opaque light barrier prevents light being emitted by one living specimen interface from reaching an adjacent living specimen interface.--.

Claim 5:

On line 1, "system of claim 4 wherein" was changed to -- system of claim 1 wherein--.

Claims 23:

On line 4, "specimen interfaces, and a vertical slot" was changed to --specimen interfaces, and a slot--.

On line 5, "wherein the vertical slot" was changed to -- wherein the slot--.

On line 6, "light barrier, wherein" was changed to --light barrier to prevent light being emitted by one specimen from reaching an adjacent specimen and wherein -- .

Claim 39:

On line 14, "specimen interfaces; and a plurality" was changed to -- specimen interfaces; a plurality--.

On line 16, "drawing in anesthesia gas." was changed to -- drawing in anesthesia gas; and a slot disposed between two adjacent multiple living specimen interfaces, wherein the slot is capable of receiving an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by one living specimen interface from reaching an adjacent living specimen interface.--.

Claim 42:

On line 10, "specimen interfaces; and a plurality" was changed to -- specimen interfaces; a plurality--.

On line 12, "drawing in anesthesia gas." was changed to -- drawing in anesthesia gas; and a slot disposed between two adjacent multiple living specimen interfaces, wherein the slot is capable of receiving an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by one living specimen interface from reaching an adjacent living specimen interface.--.

Claims 45:

On line 11, "specimen interfaces, and a vertical slot" was changed to --specimen interfaces, and a slot--.

On line 12, "wherein the vertical slot" was changed to -- wherein the slot--.

On line 13, "an opaque light barrier." was changed to --an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by one specimen from reaching an adjacent specimen.-- .

Claim 46:

On line 1, "system of claim 46 wherein" was changed to -- system of claim 45 wherein--.

Claim 47:

On line 1, "system of claim 46 wherein" was changed to -- system of claim 45 wherein--.

Claim 48:

On line 13, "outlet port; and a plurality" was changed to -- outlet port; a plurality--.

On line 15, "drawing in anesthesia gas." was changed to -- drawing in anesthesia gas; and a slot disposed on each side of the mouse interface, wherein the slot is capable of receiving an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by an adjacent mouse interface from reaching the mouse interface.--.

Claim 54:

On line 11, "mouse interface; and a plurality" was changed to -- mouse interface; a plurality--.

On line 13, "drawing in anesthesia gas." was changed to -- drawing in anesthesia gas; and a slot disposed on each side of the mouse interface, wherein the slot is capable of receiving an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by an adjacent mouse interface from reaching the mouse interface.--.

Claim 57:

On line 14, "mouse interface; and a plurality" was changed to -- mouse interface; a plurality--.

On line 16, "drawing in anesthesia gas." was changed to -- drawing in anesthesia gas; and a slot disposed on each side of the mouse interface, wherein the slot is

capable of receiving an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by an adjacent mouse interface from reaching the mouse interface.--.

Claim 58:

On line 1, "system of claim 54 wherein" was changed to -- system of claim 57 wherein--.

Claim 59:

On line 1, "system of claim 54 wherein" was changed to -- system of claim 57 wherein--.

Claim 60:

On line 10, "mouse interface; and a scavenger" was changed to -- mouse interface; a slot disposed on each side of the mouse interface, wherein the slot is capable of receiving an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by an adjacent mouse interface from reaching the mouse interface; and a scavenger--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art made of record does not teach the specific gas delivery system having the specific structure and relationship as claimed in claims 1, 23, 39, 42, 45, 48, 54, 57, and 60 including the combination of a slot disposed between two adjacent specimen interfaces,

wherein the slot is capable of holding an opaque light barrier to prevent light being emitted by an adjacent interface from reaching the interface.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Annette F. Dixon whose telephone number is (571) 272-3392. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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